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RE: Fourth Quarter 1999 Hydrology Monitoring Report, Willow Creek Mine.
ACT/007/038

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Enclosed please find the aforementioned. During this quarter, all well soundings (depths) were done using a water level meter. This was done to confirm or question some prior well readings performed using the in-well air line measurement method. Based on the two measuring approaches, wells BN251 (116.88' difference) and B331 (56.42' difference) exhibited a rather dramatic difference.

What caused me to suspect a problem was how the pressure gauge was responding after the air line was charged with nitrogen. It just didn't function similar to the other wells where the difference between measuring methodology were not significant. Based on water level information performed shortly after these wells were completed, they show the water depths to be 385.4' for BN251 (7/12/95) and 693.26' for B331 (5/31/95); more in line with what I observed this quarter. It appears that the in-well air lines at these two wells may have been giving inaccurate data since 3/6/96. With this in mind, PMC will use the well tape for all future well measurements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Johnny Pappas'.

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosure